



## **TEXAS VETERANS COMMISSION**

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# News Release

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## **\$13 million in grants available to organizations serving Veterans**

**TEXAS** – Applications are open for organizations that support Veterans to apply for \$13 million in grants through the Texas Veterans Commission Fund for Veterans' Assistance.

The \$13 million in grants is broken down into the following categories: \$5 million in General Assistance grants, \$4.5 million in Housing for Texas Heroes, \$2 million in Veterans Mental Health, and \$1.5 million for Veterans Treatment Courts.

The commission awards reimbursement grants to organizations that provide direct services to Texas Veterans and their families. Eligible grant applicants are units of local government, 501(c)(19) posts or organizations of past or present members of the Armed Forces, 501(c)(3) private nonprofit corporations authorized to conduct business in Texas, and Texas chapters of 501(c)(4) veterans service organizations. Grant descriptions are listed below.

- **GENERAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS – SERIES 16B**  
These grants address the needs of Texas Veterans and their families in areas such as limited emergency assistance, family and child services, transportation services, legal services, excluding criminal defense, and employment, training, education and job placement assistance.
- **HOUSING FOR TEXAS HEROES GRANTS - 2016-2017**  
These grants assist Texas Veterans and their families in obtaining, maintaining, or improving housing. Projects include homeless Veterans support, Veteran homelessness prevention, home modification assistance, and housing assistance for families of Veterans being treated at Texas medical facilities.
- **VETERANS MENTAL HEALTH GRANTS - 2016-2017**  
These grants address the mental health needs of Veterans and their families. Projects should emphasize direct services to Veterans and their families and may include, but are not limited to: clinical counseling, peer delivered services, and non-clinical support services.

- **VETERANS TREATMENT COURT GRANTS - 2016-2017**

These grants assist Texas Veterans in obtaining services through Veterans Treatment Court programs. Please refer to the Request for Applications (RFA) to review program guidelines for the Veterans Treatment Court grants.

Applications in response to the current RFAs, except for the Veterans Treatment Court grant, must be received by 5 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 29, 2015. The Veterans Treatment Court grant RFAs are due no later than 5 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 12, 2015. All information, including the application details about these solicitations, are posted to the Texas Veterans Commission website at <http://tvc.texas.gov/Apply-For-A-Grant.aspx>.

Individuals can support these local organizations by making an online donation through [www.tvc.texas.gov](http://www.tvc.texas.gov) or on their driver license or vehicle registration forms by specifying an amount on the form.

Texas Veterans Commission

The mission of the Texas Veterans Commission is to advocate for and provide superior service to Veterans and their families in the areas of disability claims assistance, employment services, education benefits and grant funding. More than 200 skilled counselors in 75 cities provide one-on-one guidance to Veterans and their families to ensure they receive all of the benefits to which they are entitled.

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